

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, and 13-21 remain pending. Claims 11 and 13-20 stand withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a restricted, non-elected invention. Of the claims not withdrawn, claims 1 and 21 are independent. Claims 1 and 21 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the originally-filed disclosure, including, for example, page 11, line 16 through page 12, line 8 of the specification. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the amendments do not include new matter.

Initially, independent claims 1 and 21 have been amended to clarify the range feature related to the first sub-pixel and that the second sub-pixel has a green color filter, as generally suggested by the Examiner during the interview of June 30, 2010.

Independent claims 1 and 21 have also been amended to clarify features of the invention that are not disclosed or suggested by the previously-cited references to Struyk and Abileah et al. Specifically, the independent claims now recite that a retardation of the liquid crystal layer located in the first sub-pixel is modulated in accordance with a voltage applied to the first sub-pixel in a range to display chromatic colors assumed by light passing through the liquid crystal layer, with the chromatic colors including red and blue but not including green. The independent claims have further been amended to recite that a retardation of the liquid crystal layer located in the second sub-pixel with the green color filter is modulated in accordance with a voltage applied to the second sub-pixel in a range within which the light is achromatic.

As discussed in the Remarks filed with the Amendment of June 16, 2010, Struyk and Abileah et al. do not disclose or suggest the claimed configuration with the specific retardation range for the liquid crystal layer of the first sub-pixel, such that chromatic colors including red and blue, but not including green, are displayed. The present amendment even further distinguishes the invention from Struyk and Abileah et al. by clarifying that the liquid crystal layer of the second sub-pixel is modulated in accordance with an applied voltage so that light passing through the second sub-pixel is achromatic. Thus, the claimed invention comprises a combination of sub-pixels configured such that light passing through one sub-pixel assumes specific colors (red and blue, but not green), whereas the light passing through the other sub-pixel is achromatic. Such a combination is not taught or suggested by Struyk and Abileah et al.

Thus, for at least the foregoing reasons, as well as the reasons set forth in the Remarks filed with the June 16, 2010 Amendment, Applicants submit that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable from Struyk and Abileah et al.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the Office Action, and a Notice of Allowability are requested.

Any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. Office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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